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SUBJECT: JAPAN CONSIDERING ECOSOC NGO VOTE REQUEST

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11. (C) On July 9 Embassy Tokyo Political Officer delivered reftel demarche to Deputy Director Tomoko Yoshihiro of MOFA's Global Issues Cooperation Division. Yoshihiro stated that Japan had an observer present when the UN Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations deliberated the case of the DCP (Democracy Coalition Project), but has otherwise not yet begun to consider how it will vote in the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). Yoshihiro noted that MOFA received a demarche from a country not supporting accreditation for the DCP and stated, "This country felt accreditation for the DCP would create too much 'heat' around the issue of Human Rights Council and Community of Democracies (CD) membership. We asked for concrete reasons as to why we should vote against accreditation for the DCP but have not been provided with any as yet."

12. (C) The Dynamic Christian World Mission Foundation NGO is not known to the Japanese government, but they would investigate, Yoshihiro continued. She pointed out that last year at the ECOSOC, Japan voted in favor of extending accreditation to a gay and lesbian rights NGO that the Committee had recommended against, so, "Japan has a history of overturning recommendations of the Committee when they are determined to be counter to the UN Charter."
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